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Filing Date 04/30/2003	
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As the below named Inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**AUTOMATED SELF-ILLUMINATING SPORTS & SAFETY HELMET**

*(Title of the Invention)*

the specification of which

is attached hereto

OR

was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY)  as United States Application Number or PCT International

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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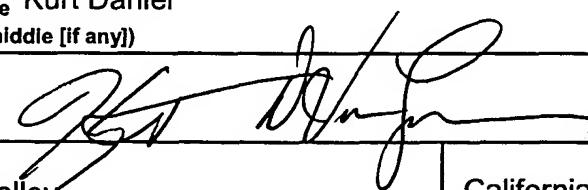
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(37 CFR 1.9(f) & 1.27(b))--INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

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Applicant or Patentee: Ronald J. Van Laar

Application or Patent No.:

Filed or Issued: 04/30/2003Title: AUTOMATED SELF-ILLUMINATING SPORTS & SAFETY HELMET

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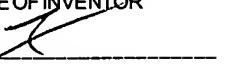
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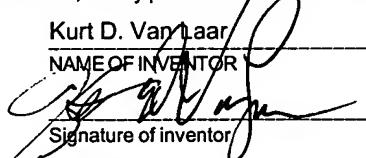
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